

REMARKS

This Submission is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 in connection with the enclosed Request for Continuing Examination (RCE). The enclosed RCE is responsive to the Final Office Action of May 3, 2006, for which a response is due by August 3, 2006. According to the Office Action, claims 1-8 and 15-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) for allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,693,876 (Ghitea, Jr. et al.) and U.S. Patent 6,289,332 (Menig) and U.S. Patent 5,551,803 (Hosaka et al.). In addition, the Office Action also indicates that claims 23-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) for allegedly being unpatentable over the Ghitea and Menig references, in further view of European Patent Application 0091887 (Cerruti). Applicant is amending claims 1, 5, 15 and 19 and deleting claim 23 – 30. Applicant is also adding new claims 31 – 38, which contain no new matter. For the following reasons, this rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicant submits that the cited references, taken alone or in combination, fail to teach the arrangement of the amended claims. In particular, the current independent claims have been amended to recite, in pertinent part, that “a graphical difference between said at least two sets of information is representative of a third set of information.” In contrast, none of the cited references teach or suggest any set of information that is represented by the recited graphical difference. For example, Ghitea discloses that fuel economy information 159 is displayed in line 150 as vertical lines, and the miles per gallon information is displayed numerically in line 160. Thus, there can be no “graphical difference” in Ghitea since there is no teaching of two sets of information displayed “with the same type of graphics.” As discussed in the specification, numerical information is much more difficult to ascertain and compare by a driver, who needs to pay more attention to the road ahead.

In addition to the foregoing, Applicant further submits that, contrary to the examiner's position, Menig does not teach that “two sets of information are

displayed at the same place alternating with the same type of graphics," as stated in paragraph 2 of the Office Action. Rather, Menig is clear in that it uses the same type of graphic (i.e., the triangle in screen 910 and the triangles in screen 908) to depict the same set of information – namely, the presence of an object some distance ahead. Applicant submits that the only graphic Menig discloses is the depicted triangles, and in all cases they refer to the same set of information – again, the presence of an object in the vehicle's path. However, even if the examiner were to still conclude that Menig teaches the recited "two sets of information . . . with the same type of graphics," which Applicant contends it does not, there is absolutely no disclosure relating to a third set of information represented by a graphical difference in the two sets of information, as recited in the amended independent claims.

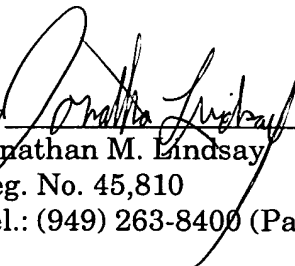
Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance. If there are any questions regarding this Submission or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response. Please charge any such fee or any deficiency in fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket 080437.49289US).

Respectfully submitted,

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